

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) A phytosanitary method for the protection of plants against pathogens or predators and/or for facilitating the adaptation of plants to raised ozone levels, comprising applying to said plants a 1,3 β -D-glucanase amplifying effective amount of oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans.

28. (previously presented) The phytosanitary method according to claim 27, wherein said oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans are of DP less than 30.

29. (previously presented) The phytosanitary method according to claim 27, wherein said oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans are of DP between 2 and 15.

30. (currently amended) A ~~biofertilizing~~ method for controlling abscission, controlling growth or maturation of a pistil or anthers, controlling organization of cell walls during expansion of tissues and/or reinforcing plant cell walls and adapting them to environmental stimuli, comprising applying to plants a 1,3 β -D-glucanase/1,4 β -D-glucanase/ xyloglucan

endotransglycolase amplifying effective amount of oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans.

31. (currently amended) The ~~biofertilizing~~ method according to claim 30, wherein said oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans are of DP less than 30.

32. (currently amended) The ~~biofertilizing~~ method according to claim 30, wherein said oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans are of DP between 2 and 15.

33. (currently amended) A ~~biofertilizing~~ method, comprising applying to said plants a xyloglucan endotransglycolase amplifying effective amount of oligo 1,4 β -D-mannuronans of DP4.

34. (canceled)